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KINSHASA FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE

NDJAMENA FOR USDATT

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS, SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND AMBASSADOR SEELYE VISIT

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- 1. SECRETARY GENERAL IN PRESIDENCY EBOUA RECEIVED ME AT 1630 HRS MARCH 3, IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST TO INFORM GURC OF INFO CONTAINED REF A. SINCE PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAD RETURNED FROM GAROUA ON MARCH 2, THIS WAS EARLIEST AVAILABLE TIME.
- 2. EBOUA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR QUICK PROGRESS MADE ON HIS REQUEST OF JULY 5, 1976, AND FAVORABLE REVIEW OF FMS CREDIT ITEM BY NEW ADMINISTRATION. HE INQUIRED HOW LONG CONGRESS LIEKLY TO TAKE BEFORE PASSING UPON REQUEST, AND I TOLD HIM THAT BEGINNING OF NEW FY, I.E., OCTOBER 1ST WAS PROBABLY LATEST DATE. AT SAME TIME, I ALSO MADE SURE HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY FONMIN KEUTCHA OF INCLUSION OF \$7.5 MILLION ITEM FOR TRANSCAM III IN CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENTATION. HE HAD AND ALSO CONFIRMED PARIS DONORS MEETING.

3. I TOLD HIM OF CONGRESIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING REQUIREMENT AND HANDED HIM COPY OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS ATTACHED, WHICH DCM DELIVERED TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL ALSO MARCH 3. EBOUA SAID HE WOULD READ REPORT WITH GREAT INTEREST AND THEN EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS OF PRESIDENT CARTER FROM POINT OF VIEW OF AFRICANS WHO KNOW OF VIOLATIONS IN, FOR EXAMPLE, UGANDA AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

- 4. EBOUA TOLD ME THAT GURC GREATLY APPRECIATES US EFFORTS TO SUPPORT IT WITH BOTH DEVELOPMENT AND ARMS ASSISTANCE. CAMEROON IS TOTALLY UNINTERESTED IN SOCIALISM, SCIENTIFIC OR OTHER, AND AS A RESULT IT HAS RECEIVED LITTLE AID FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE RECENTLY ADDED UP ALL AID RECIEVED FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND IT DOES NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH. CAMEROON THEREFORE RELIES ON WESTERN COUNTRIES FOR MAIN ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT, AND AS EVERONE KNOW, US IS LEADER OF WESTERN COUNTRIES. BEYOND THAT, HE FELT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD BEEN MOVING IN VERY GOOD DIRECTION DURING PAST YEAR OR SO, AND HE WAS SURE THIS WOULD CONTINUE.
- 5. I MENTIONED DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT IN CONTEXT OF ONGOING FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS. EBOUA, WHO MENTIONED "UNFORTUNATE" FAILURE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO INCLUDE CAMEROON STOPOVER IN HIS AFRICAN TRIPS, WAS AWARE OF SEELYE VISIT AND SAID THAT PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM THAT HE WANTED TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR SEELYE. UNFORTUNATELY, PRESIDENT IS LEAVING YAOUNDE MARCH 6 FOR AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. IN PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE, PRIME MINISTER BIYA IS ACTING AND WILL RECEIVE AMBASSADOR SEELYE, AS WILL EBOUA HIMSELF UNDER AHIDJO'S INSTRUCTIONS, AS WELL AS MINISTER IN PRESIDENCY SENGAT KUO AND FONMIN OR, IN HIS LIKELY ABSENCE, VICE MINISTER NDAM NJOYA. EBOUA PLANS TO ATTEND DINNER IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR SEELYE EVENING MARCH 8.
- 6. I MENTIONED FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YAOKSDE OF DEFENSE ATTACHE CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM NDJAMENA WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE TECHNICAL INFO TO OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES. EBOUA ASKED ME TO TELEPHONE HIM CLOSER TO COLONEL IRVING'S ARRIVAL SO THAT HE COULD ARRANGE FOR MEETING WITH MINARMED FORCES DAOUDA, WHICH HE WAS CONFIDENT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL. SPIRO

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